

# Fiduciary Challenges For Mid/Small-Size Endowments and Foundations

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## They Generally Want to Maintain Spending in Real Dollars

Higher
Future Sustainability Predictability Current
Spending Spending

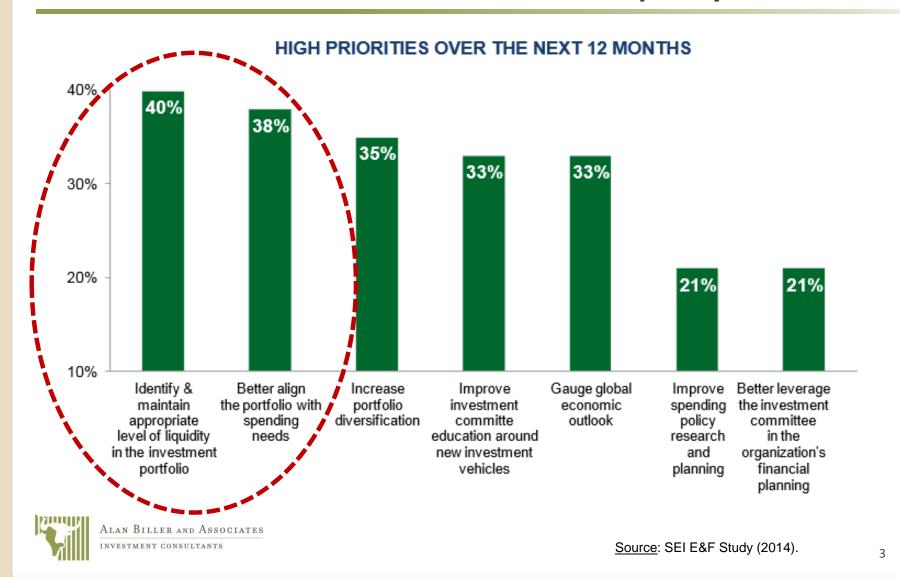
Favors Future Beneficiaries

Lower	% of Asset	Fixed	Higher
% Rate	Rules	\$ Amount	% Rate
Return-	Spending Cuts (When Needed)	Inflation-	Higher
Linked		Linked	Engagement

Favors
Current
Beneficiaries



### **And to Maintain Investment Liquidity**



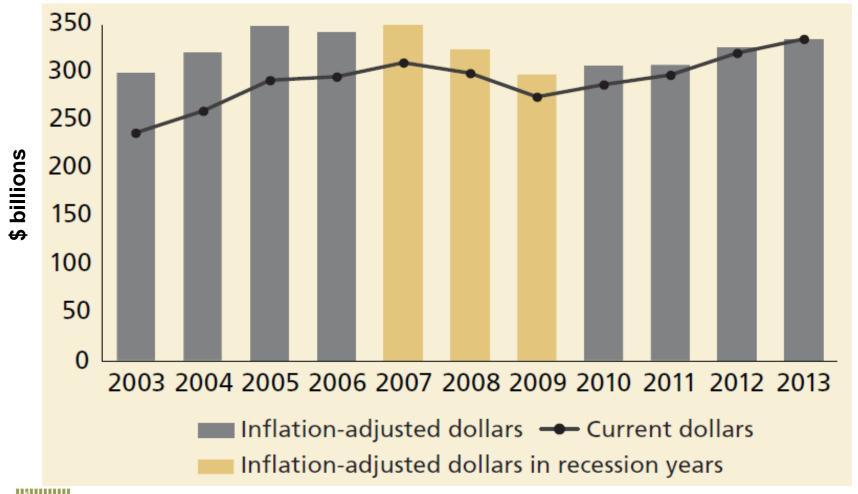
# **They Have Recently Been Under Pressure**

### Percentage of E&Fs Under Water For Fiscal Years 2008, 2009, 2010

Size of Endowment / Foundation	2008	2009	2010
Over \$1 billion	2.1%	11.5%	9.8%
\$501 million to \$1 billion	2.0%	20.2%	11.1%
\$101 million to \$500 million	3.7%	19.1%	13.3%
\$51 million to \$100 million	6.2%	22.9%	14.5%
\$25 million to \$50 million	3.2%	25.8%	14.5%
Under \$25 million	9.7%	26.0%	14.7%

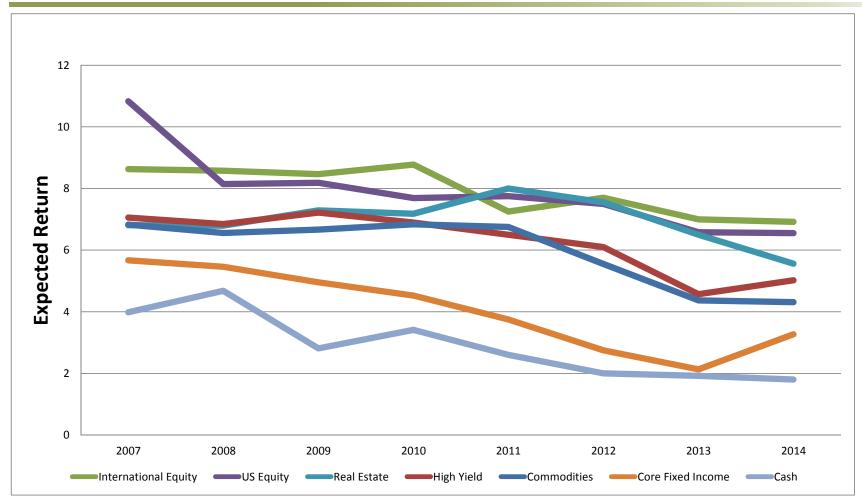


### One Reason: Giving Remains Below Pre-Crash Levels



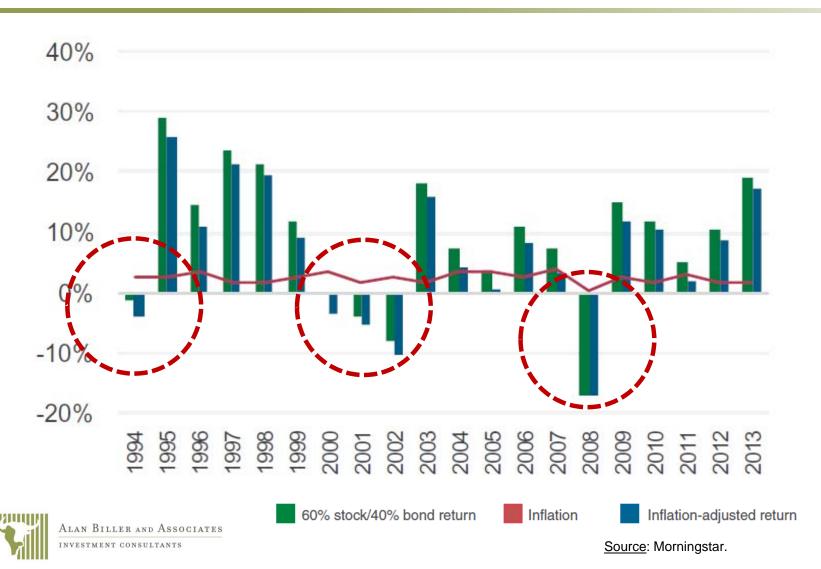


# **Another: Falling Long Term Expected Returns**

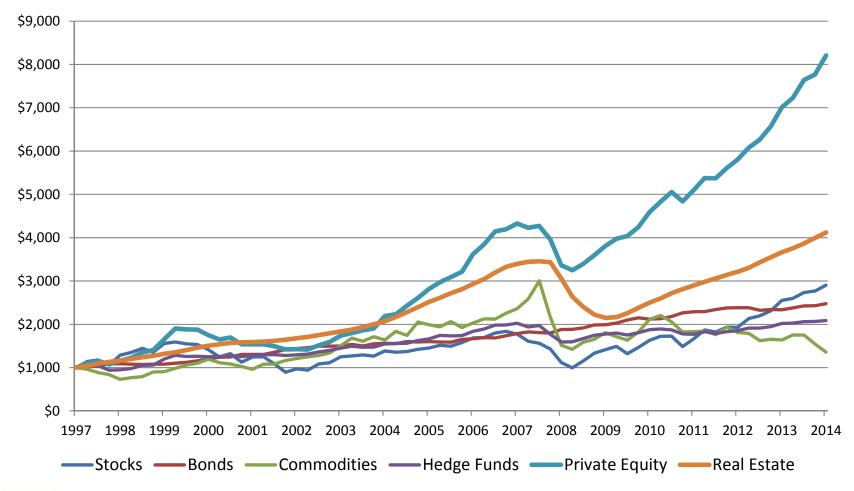




# A Traditional 60/40 Portfolio Isn't the Answer



### What About Alternatives? Over Time They've Added Value





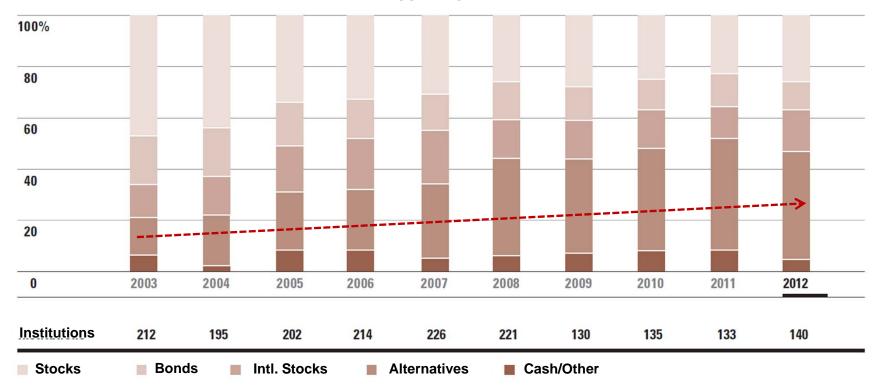
# **And Have Marginally Reduced Risk**

	NACUBO E&F <\$500 million	NACUBO E&F > \$1 billion	Harvard Investment Policy	Sample Client
Public Equity	53.0	31.0	33.0	40.0
Public Fixed Income	25.0	12.0	10.0	16.0
Alternatives	22.0	57.0	57.0	44.0
Expected Return	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.8
Expected Risk	12.1	11.5	11.7	10.9



## **E&Fs Have Gradually Increased Their Exposure**

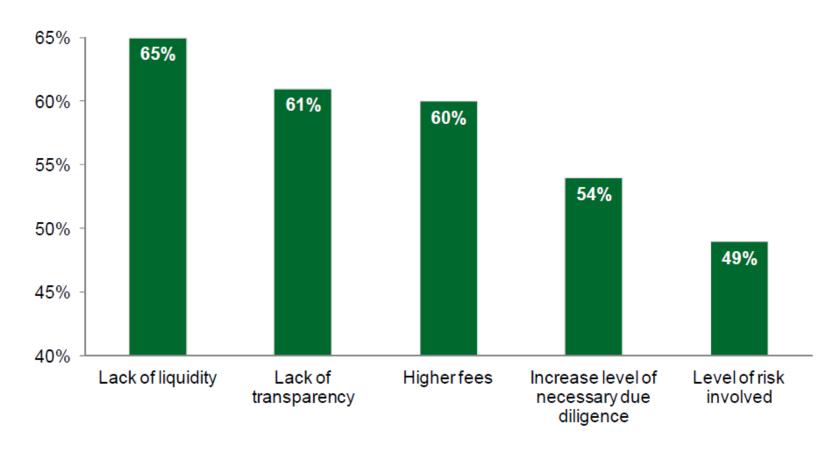




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# **But Because of Multiple Concerns**





# Small/Mid-Size E&F's Have Allocated Less to Them

Size of Endowment / Foundation	Domestic Equities	Intl. Equities	Fixed Income	Alternatives	Short-term Securities/ Cash
Over \$1 billion	13	17	8	59	3
\$501 million to \$1 billion	20	19	11	45	5
\$101 million to \$500 million	27	19	15	34	5
\$51 million to \$100 million	33	20	20	23	4
\$25 million to \$50 million	36	17	22	20	5
Under \$25 million	43	14	26	11	6



# **Resulting in Lower Long Term Returns**

Size of Endowment / Foundation	1 Year %	3 Year %	5 Year %	10 Year %
Over \$1 billion	16.5	9.5	12.1	8.2
\$501 million to \$1 billion	15.8	9.1	11.8	7.3
\$101 million to \$500 million	15.5	8.9	11.8	7.1
\$51 million to \$100 million	15.2	8.7	11.4	6.5
\$25 million to \$50 million	15.2	8.9	11.4	6.5
Under \$25 million	15.5	9.4	12.0	6.6



### **Investing in Alternatives Isn't Easy**

- One has to balance competing portfolio requirements:
   returns vs. stability, liquidity, transparency
- Asset liability modeling is complex
- Access to attractive funds can be limited
- Building a portfolio can take years
- Search and monitoring efforts are demanding
- Trustees are often unfamiliar with the strategies
- Reporting and accounting tend to be complex
- Fees are quite high



## An Increasingly Popular Approach: Outsource Responsibility

